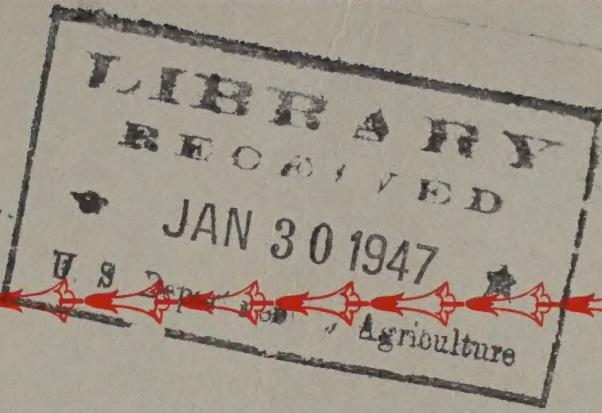


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SEASON'S GREETINGS FOR 1947

In presenting this new Catalog for dahlias, I wish to thank all my numerous patrons for their past support, and in soliciting continuation of their esteemed patronage to assure them and all new clients that their wishes will always receive my closest personal attention.

This list has been brought right up to date, with the best varieties from all dahlia producing countries, and all novelties have been tried and proven in my garden, and while your local conditions may cause some variation those cataloged can be confidently relied upon, their descriptions being as faithful as possible, and quite unexaggerated.

Do not be discouraged if a variety does not do well with you the first year; try it again as some need to be acclimated.

Look for our new novelties for 1947 imported from Australia and England. You will see them at all the shows this coming year.

Our green plants are grown so as to give the maximum of results of equal or superior to root stock. This is only accomplished by the selection of healthy, vigorous roots benched in a moderate heat that will enable us to take stocky base cuttings.

Only a reasonable number of cuttings are taken and none used that are spindly. After cuttings are rooted and potted and begin to grow, they are moved to cooler quarters and shifted to larger pots. At this stage small tubers are beginning to form, assuring that clumps will be obtained at digging time. The plants are later hardened off in outside quarters so as to withstand shipping and be in good condition for planting out.

We try to keep our list of varieties limited by retaining a very high percentage of those that are placed on the "Honor Roll" consecutive seasons in this country and abroad. The varieties mentioned herein are of exceptional merit and may be grown to your complete satisfaction, if you will dig deep, cultivate regularly, and keep insects under control, particularly the leaf hoffer.

Our plants are all base cutting.

We take great pride in sending healthy, clean, strong plants.

We guarantee all dahlia roots and plants to be in first-class condition when they leave our place, as they are state inspected.

We ship all green plants about May 1st to May 15th. To avoid disappointment order early. Our stock is limited on some varieties. We do not substitute unless requested.

Terms: Cash, or 25% deposit with order; balance at shipping time. On orders over \$10.00 we pay charges.

Visitors are always welcome to our gardens.

We carry a complete line of annuals in our greenhouse, including the latest novelties. We sell by the dozen or by flats. Don't forget to order some annuals this spring.

Can supply roots of plants listed. Let us know what you need.

ABBREVIATIONS

FD—Formal Decorative

ID—Informal Decorative

SC—Semi-Cactus

C—Cactus

1947 INTRODUCTION

CLARA HOOK (SC)

Golden yellow, light suffusion of apricot on outer petals. Size of blooms 9 to 11 inches on long stems. Plants \$7.50

CROYDEN PEACH (ID)

Color peach pink deepening to a vieux rose. Tall grower, large blooms on strong stems. Plants \$2.50

CROYDON VICTOR

Another grand champion from Australia. Tall grower, blooms 10 to 12 inches on long stems. Color tangerine to rich salmon. Plants \$3.50 Net

E. FRENZ (FD)

Pure gold formal, 10 to 12 inch blooms on good strong stems, very outstanding. Plants \$2.50

ENID MAY (ID)

This is the best yellow today, several growers make the same report who grew last season. Blooms 10 to 12 inches on good stems. A champion winner. Plants \$3.50 Net

MRS. A. COOPER (ID)

This was outstanding in my garden last season. Tall grower, good stems, color a rich autumn shade.....Plants \$2.50

ORANJE IMPERATOR (SC)

Orange red, challenge cup winner, from HollandPlants \$1.50

QUEEN ELIZABETH

A gold medal winner from England. Enormous pure yellow, blooms 12 to 14 inches, side bud for good stems. Don't miss this onePlants \$2.50 Net

ROODE IMPERATOR (SC)

Color blood red. Large blooms on strong stemsPlants \$1.50

SKYROCKET (SARETT)

A clear vermillion straight cactus. Diameter of blooms 10 to 12 inches on long strong stems.....Plants \$7.50; 3 for \$20.00 Net

SEASON'S OUTSTANDING DAHLIAS

ALL AMERICAN (ID)

A large mulberry rose—suffused salmon; one of the large ones.....Plants \$.75

A. J. PARKER (ID)

Color amber to bronze. Large blooms on strong stems.....Plants \$1.00 Net

ALICE MAY (ID)

One of our best whites.....Plants \$1.00

BATAAN

Red cactus tipped gold, very fine dahlia.....Plants \$.50 Net

BALLEGOS SURPRISE (WC)

One of our best white cactus. Hard to beat.....Plants \$.75

BETTY DAVIS (SC)

Lovely lavender rose color. Fine stock.....Plants \$.50 Net

BEAUTE (C)

Very fine yellow. It's a dandy.....Plants \$.50

BESS SMITH (ID)

If you want a good white, don't miss this one. Good grower and very large blooms.

Plants \$1.00

BILLS GOLD (ID)

Large gold blooms. This was best dahlia I saw last season; was commented on by everyone who saw it last season; so don't miss this one

Plants \$1.00 Net

BILL'S DELIGHT

Released by the grower of Bill's Gold, another champion. Color salmon and old rose faintly tipped gold, 12-inch blooms on 3-foot stems

Plants \$2.00

BILL'S SPLENDOR (ID)

One of our best pinks to date. By all means don't miss this one

Plants \$1.00

BLUE ROSE (FD)

A beautiful blend, loads of blooms. Plants \$1.00

BRITAIN'S QUEEN, ENGLAND

Large white, tinted pink on outer petals, a very beautiful dahlia

Plants \$1.00 Net

CROYDON DELICATE

A monster opalescent pink, grand champion winner in Australia. Will be hard to beat

Plants \$2.00 Net

CROYDON IDEAL (ID)

Another grand champion from Australia. Blooms 11x7 on long, strong stems, color is new, autumn to bronze ground-overlaid mahogany. Really a fine dahlia.

Plants \$1.00 Net

CROYDON JOY

A huge burnished copper and bronze that will demand attention everywhere. A champion winner

Plants \$2.00 Net

CROYDON SUPERB (ID)

One of the best yellows in Australia for One of the best yellows in Australia, 11 to 12-inch blooms on long strong stems; will be hard to beat

Plants \$1.00

CROYDON VIOLET

Large purple, long stems, plant full of blooms all summer. This was the best dahlia in my garden last season

Plants \$1.00

CLIFFS CHOICE (FD)

A perfect giant formal, champagne over salmon pink Plants \$1.50

CHASAMY (FD)

This is the lavender formal to date. It is hard to beat..... Plants \$.50 Net

CHEROKEE BRAVE (ID)

Large red. 10 to 11 inches. Good grower. Plants \$.50 Net
Roots 1.00 Net

CROWNING GLORY (C)

This is an outstanding dahlia, so don't miss this one Plants \$1.00 Net

COMMANDO

Large lavender formal, good grower, large blooms on good stems..... Plants \$1.00
Roots 2.00

CORAL CACTUS

Incurved cactus in a beautiful shade of coral pink. A real show flower, listed on 3 honor rolls Plants \$1.00

COLONEL LITTLE

Bright scarlet orange, with curly twisting petals showing lighter tones, shading of yellow in reverse, honor roll dahlia. Plants \$2.00 Net

DARCY SAINSBURY (FD)

This is the best white to date...Plants \$.50 Net

DAWSON (ID)

A large autumn shade, blooms 12 inches. One of our best Australian dahlias....Plants \$1.00

DEAN SHURTLEFF

Large crimson red informal decorative; one of the best reds. Don't miss this one. Plants \$1.00 Net

DONS SUNRISE (SC)

A new one from Australia. Resembles the morning sun. Truly an outstanding dahlia, with a great future and you will hear a lot about it in the coming shows..... Plants \$1.50

DIXIE WINE DOT (ID)

A nice bicolor purple and white. Good grower, fine stems..... Plants \$1.00

ESSIE SMITH

A new sensational pink semi-cactus dahlia, blooms 13x10, on cane-like stems, resistant to insects. Don't miss this one... Plants \$1.50
Roots 3.00

EVELYN CHANDLER (SC)

A very large autumn shade cactus... Plants \$.75

ENKARTS PRIMA (SC)

Soft, deep salmon color with a deep yellow center Plants \$.75 Net

FARRAR ROJEK (ID)

This is one of the best bi-color to date, very large blooms on long stems..... Plants \$1.00

FAITHFUL (SC)

White cactus, with good stems, very large blooms Plants \$1.00 Net
Roots 2.00 Net

FREDA GEORGE (ID)

Color, soft cream pink. Large blooms on long stems Plants \$.50 Net

FIVE STAR GENERAL

Blooms 11 to 13 inches. Formal decorative blend, color amaranth pink, blushing into tryon pink, and into maize yellow.
Listed on 3 honor rolls Plants \$2.50
Roots 5.00

FIRE RAYS (Red Cactus)

A flaming red cactus, on long stiff stems. Plants \$1.00

GAYLORD BALLAY

A real white, large blooms on good stems, good grower. Don't miss this one... Plants \$1.00

GEO. YOUNG

Pink cactus. A new one from England.
Bush loaded with blooms with long stems. Plants \$1.00

GILLMAN'S BEAUTY (FD)

Pink of perfect form, carried on long stiff stems Plants \$.50 Net

GINGER ROGERS (ID)

Large yellow wonderful stems. One of the best yellows to date..... Plants \$1.00

GLAMOUR (ID)

An immense true purple, very large blooms. Plants \$.50 Net

HALEY'S COMET (CACTUS)

Red color with light yellow center, on long stems Plants \$1.50

HILDA FIORETTI (SC)

Begonia-rose with lighter geranium-pink blend, also deep chrome at the center, cane-like stems. Honor roll dahlia Plants \$1.00

HOOSIER MARVEL

A giant yellow, S. C. to I. D. Blooms 14x 7 on long stems. Honor roll dahlia Plants \$1.00

IRENE DUNN

Straight cactus, color rose pink. Tall grower with good stems Plants \$1.00

JANE LAUSCHE (SC)

Bi-color, rosy mauve tipped white. Honor roll dahlia, blooms 11x6 Plants \$1.50 Roots 3.50

JUDY G. CACTUS

This was the best all around cactus in my garden last season. Red tipped gold. Plants \$1.00 Net

JOSEPHINE KLIMPT

Pure white SC on long strong stems, large blooms, a sure winner Plants \$1.00

KARDINAL VON ROSSEN

Purple cactus, one of the best, on long stems Plants \$.75

KENTUCKY SPORTSMAN (ID)

Very fine bi-color, orange, tipped white. Plants \$.50 Net

KELVIN (ID)

Large rose pink, on strong stems. A real show flower Plants \$1.50 Net

KINGCUP CACTUS

A very fine semi-cactus, flowers very large, clear yellow throughout, full centers. You are going to hear a lot about this fine dahlia this coming season Plants \$1.00

LE ARDEN

A new formal from Australia, blooms 11x6, color a rich deep reddish maroon, good growth plants, 5 feet tall Plants \$1.00

LEAH PEARL (FD)

This surely is a beautiful dahlia. Cream tinted lavender; great demand by the florist Plants \$.50 Net

LOIS WALCHER (ID)

Another fine bi-color, purple tipped white.

Plants \$.50 Net

LORD OF AUTUMN (ID)

One of the best yellows today. I have fine stock of this variety.....

Plants \$.50 Net

LYNN FONTAINE (SC)

1941 honor dahlia. If you want a large dahlia grow this one; 12 inches, tall grower.

Plants \$1.00

LUZON (CACTUS)

Lavender pink, on long stems. Bushes loaded with blooms.....

Plants \$1.50

LUCY COOK

A new semi-cactus from England. Color dark lilac or heliotrope. Height 5 feet. Blooms 10 inches on long stiff stems.

Plants \$1.00

MAFFIE (SC)

One of the largest red today. Blooms 12x6, tall grower. If you want fine dahlia, grow this one

Plants \$1.00

MARY TAYLOR (C)

Congo pink cactus, very nice....Plants \$.50 Net

MICHIGAN WHITE (SC)

Very fine white, and a fine cut flower.

Plants \$.50 Net

MISS NEW ZEALAND

A new semi-cactus from Australia, color autumn shade, a very fine dahlia, good grower

Plants \$1.00

MISS OAKLAND (FD)

Best formal in the white class, and a fine cut flower

Plants \$.50 Net

MURPHY MASTERPIECE (ID)

Blood red. One of the largest dahlias in cultivation. Have fine stock of this dahlia.

Plants \$.50 Net

MRS. HESTER A. PAPE (ID)

Color is reddish purple, on 3 honor rolls.

One of the best dahlia of the year....Plants \$2.50

NANCY ANN MITCHELL (C)

Color vivid scarlet, fine stems.....\$.75

NATION'S PRIDE (ID)

Color Autumn. This was one of the best dahlias I grew last season, large blooms, and wonderful stems, a prize winner.

Plants \$1.00

NIGHT FALL (C)

One of the cactus which made a great hit last season. Color, deep crimson, almost maroon.

Plants \$1.00

NOBBYS LIGHT

Large yellow, and a winner whenever it is shown. A new one from Australia. A grand champion.....Plants \$1.50 Net

OGDEN REID (FD)

Nice rose pink on good long stems....Plants \$1.50

PAM MARY JOYCE

An outstanding yellow dahlia from Australia. Blooms can be grown to 12 inches with good depth. Don't miss this one.

Plants \$1.00

PINK MUM

A true pink incurved cactus. Don't miss this one. One of the best to date. Winner of two American Home Achievement medals

Plants \$1.50

PINK GIANT (ID)

One of the finest pinks, long stems. Don't miss this one.....Plants \$.50 Net

POLINCHNILLE

A lavender pink cactus, lots of blooms, with good stems

Plants \$1.00

POPP HARRIS (ID)

A new red from Australia, large blooms and a good grower.....Plants \$1.00

PREMIER WINSOME (ID)

Very large pink blooms.....Plants \$.50 Net

PRESIDENT DR. ED. BENES (ID)

Large blooms, color, brilliant red. Don't miss this one. Still one of the best in my garden

Plants \$.75

PYGMALION

Cactus. A very fine autumn shade, you will like this one. Good grower.....Plants \$.75

ROSEYLN STRAIGHT (SC)

Color is apricot yellow, shaded and streaked scarlet red, tipped lemon yellow, an outstanding dahlia.....Plants \$1.50

ROSETTE

Cactus, color light purple. This was the most outstanding cactus in my garden last season. Don't miss this one.....Plant \$1.50 Net

REV. PUGH (ID)

Orange color, good grower.....Plants \$1.00

RYTHM

Cameo pink cactus. I think this was the most outstanding dahlia last season. Don't miss this one.....Plants \$1.50 Net

RITTA WELLS (ID)

Color, soft peach and light gold on cream ground. Very large blooms.....Plants \$.75

RUTH NICHOLLS

Blooms 10x5. A real good lavender formal which we need nowadays. Good grower.....Plants \$1.00

SAMSON

A truly monster cactus, ten inches or more across, plants being robust, stems long and strong. Color, crimson throughout. Plants \$1.00 Net

SARETT'S PINK FLEMINGO (Pink Cactus)

This was the most outstanding dahlia last season, Grand Champion Winner at our show. Hard to beat on the show table, wonderful stems, good grower.....Plants \$1.50

SCARLET LEADER

Fiery red cactus, bushes loaded with blooms on long stems.....Plants \$.75

SHERWOOD'S PEACH (ID)

Color ogherous buff. If you want large ones, by all means don't miss this. Blooms 12 to 14 inches.....Plants \$1.50

SOUTHERN THOROBRED (SC)

If you want them large, grow this one. Color lavender, tall grower, and good stems. Plants \$1.50

SUNRAYS (ID)

Autumn shade. Long, strong stems. Have very fine stock.....Plants \$.50 Net

SYDNEY (ID)

A new dahlia from Australia. Beautiful rose pink with a tinge of gold at the base of petals, very large blooms.....Plants \$1.00

STARFISH

Orange buff cactus. A new one from England, large blooms on good stems...Plants \$1.00

STEPHENS FOSTER (IC)

Buff with scarlet suffusion. Tall grower and a very fine dahlia.....Plants \$1.00

SNOW BALL

White cactus. Very outstanding, long stems. Don't miss this one.....Plants \$1.00
Roots 3.00

TOPS

A very large yellow, a real good grower.
Plants \$1.00

TOP FLIGHT (SC)

A bright crimson, with large petals. Tall grower, very outstanding.....Plants \$1.00

THE REAL GLORY (ID)

Outstanding white. Good stems. Rugged grower, very large blooms.....Plants \$.75

THE GOVERNOR (FD)

Large, formal yellow. Wonderful stems.
Plants \$.50 Net

TRIUMPH OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA (ID)

Color, red-tipped white. Very fine bicolor

Plants \$.75

VANS YELLOW (SC)

I think this is one of our best semi-cactus in yellow class we have to date. Fine dahlia in every respect. Don't miss this one

Plants \$1.00

VICTORY (FD)

Very fine pink formal.....Plants \$.50 Net

VIRGINIA RUTE

Large red blooms. 10 to 12 inches, tall grower, don't miss this one.....Plants \$.50 Net

WHITE CHIEF

A new white from England, very large blooms. You will hear a lot about this dahlia this coming season.....Plants \$1.00

WHITE CHRISTMAS

A 10 inch white dahlia, formal to informal. Plants are vigorous, rugged grower, keeps well when cut. A good root maker, scored 85 at trial garden.....Plants \$1.00

WOSAL

A huge old rose and salmon giant, is the best of its color.....Plants \$1.00

WORLD EVENT (ID)

Large pink, with good stems, good growerPlants \$1.50

ZENITH

Medium size red cactus, long stems, very finePlants \$.75

OUTSTANDING MINIATURES

ANDRIES ORANJE (MC)

Bright orange flower; on long, stiff stems. This was best cut flower in my garden last year. Keep long when cut; have had them in my home for a week.....Plants \$.50

ARABESKE (SC)

Pure sulphur yellow, on long strong stems. One of the outstanding miniatures today. Plants \$1.00

BARBARA LOWRY

A new miniature from Australia, champion winner last winter. Color creamy yellow with cerise tips.....Plants \$1.50 Net

BELLE

Pink cactus, on long stems, outstanding. Plants \$1.00

BLOODSTONE

Rich scarlet crimson formal miniature on long stemsPlants \$1.00

BROCKLEY

Fancy type. One of the finest cut flower charms we have. Very long stiff stems. The color is orange red, yellow at base of petals. Plants \$.50

BRONZITE

Old gold at tips and a reddish bronze at center, very fine, lots of blooms.....Plants \$1.00

BRIDE, WHITE CACTUS

From England. This is one of best, bushes loaded with blooms.....Plants \$1.00

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|---|-------------------|
| BRIGHTNESS, ORANGE CACTUS | |
| Bushes loaded with wonderful blooms with nice long stems. A new from England | Plants \$1.00 |
| FAIRHOLME | |
| Red miniature cactus. This was outstanding in my garden last season. Keeps long when cut in water..... | Plants \$1.50 |
| FUSILIER | |
| Geranium red cactus on long strong stems. | |
| | Plants \$1.00 |
| GOLDEN QUEEN | |
| Orange cactus, bushes loaded with beautiful blooms, on long strong stems..... | Plants \$1.50 |
| HELLY BOUDEWIJN | |
| White formal min. A real white, fine for cut flower, with good stems..... | Plants \$.50 |
| HONEYHOLME | |
| Deep golden yellow orange miniature formal on long stems. Fine cut flower.... | Plants \$1.00 |
| INVASION (CACTUS) | |
| Deep red on yellow base, on good stems. | |
| | Plants \$1.00 |
| IKE | |
| Color dark red, on long stems..... | Plants \$.75 |
| JUBILANT | |
| Color is cherry red, inclined orange, with lighter reverse | Plants \$1.00 Net |
| LITTLE DIAMOND | |
| Lovely pink cactus | Plants \$.50 |
| LUSTRE, MIN. CACTUS | |
| A new one from England. A lavender cactus | Plants \$1.00 |
| LUSTRE | |
| A small yellow cactus, one of the best to date, lots of blooms, what we need in the miniature class | Plants \$.75 |
| L. C. K. | |
| Gold color cactus, on long stems..... | Plants \$.75 |
| MURDOCH | |
| Bright scarlet cactus, on strong stems, vivid color | Plants \$1.00 |

MY LADY (FD)

Miniature, color lavender on white, bushes loaded with mass of blooms, on long stems Plants \$1.00

MING

Lavender cactus, free bloomer and good stems Plants \$.75

NEW VISION

Shell pink cactus, on long stems. Don't miss this one, outstanding Plants \$1.00

ORANJE TRIOMF

Sparkling pure orange, med. size blooms, on long strong stems Plants \$1.00

PINKIE

Pink cactus. If you want lots of blooms, don't miss this one. One of the best from England Plants \$.75 Net

PLENTIFUL

Pink informal on long stems. Bushes are loaded with blooms Plants \$1.00

STATELY

Orange cactus, medium size cactus. Bushes loaded with blooms, on long stems. Plants \$1.50

STERRETJE

Miniature white cactus, what we have been looking for. Don't miss this one Plants \$1.00

SPIRIT

Bi-colored novelty, scarlet tipped white. Very good Plants \$.50

TOWMELY STANDARD

Bright scarlet cactus, on perfect stems. Plants \$1.00

VREDE (SC)

Miniature white, on long stems. On the must list Plants \$1.00

WINEFRED

Red cactus. One of the best reds. Plants \$.50 Net

ZALMSTER (SC)

Salmon pink with light orange toward the center Plants \$1.00

OUTSTANDING POMPOMS

BETTY MALONE

White pom tipped violet purple.....Plants \$.50

BRASS BUTTONS

Clear yellow. Don't miss this pom, it's a dandyPlants \$.50

BOBBY LEE GRIBBLE

Small red pompom with good stems.

Plants \$.75

CLAIRSE

Pink pompom, on good stems, bushes loaded with blooms.....Plants \$.50

CLOVER

Soft pink, with white center.....Plants \$.50

ILA (P)

Deep blood red.....Plants \$.50

MRS. J. TELFER (P)

Pure white of best exhibition type.....Plants \$.50

MRS. V. BRITTAINE

A lovely pink, deeper at tips. Good for showPlants \$.50

MORNING MIST

White tinted lavender, long stiff stems.

Plants \$.50

RED SKIN

A new pom from England, sturdy bushes loaded with blooms.....Plants \$ 1.00

RIFLEMAN

Color salmon rose, on long stems. Don't miss this one.....Plants \$ 1.00

ROSY

White tinted pink, seedling of clover, bushes loaded with blooms, on long stems.Plants \$ 1.00

ROSEGAY

A new pink pom. This was outstanding in my last season. Good grower, lots of blooms on nice stems.....Plants \$ 1.00

SHERRY

Pom, violet purplePlants \$.50

BALL DAHLIAS

ARTHUR RAWLINGS

Rich dark crimson, on perfect stems.

Plants \$.50

DUSKY

Carmine shaded maroon.....

Plants \$.50

LANNIE

A real yellow ball.....

Plants \$.50

MRS. LANGTRY

Cream color edged with crimson, a very

fine variety

Plants \$.50

ROSY DAWN

Golden yellow tipped rose with red center

Plants \$.50

R. T. RAWLINGS

Clear yellow, of good form, one of the
best

Plants \$.50

WHITE CAPS

This was the best white ball dahlia that I
saw last season. Wonderful stems.....

Plants \$.50

SPRAY YOUR DAHLIAS

This is a very important thing in growing dahlias. Spray right away as soon as you plant them and at least twice a week after they are planted, because they can be ruined in one week's time by leaf hoppers, and the results are your plants are stunts. Spray with New Evergreen or Black Leaf 40. You will be well paid for your work.

We use the New Evergreen with great results. For Red Spider we use Selo Cide. And we always spray our plants after sundown.

If we can be of any service to you call us or write us, and we will be glad to advise you.

OUR REPUTATION

Growers say that we ship our plants the best they have ever seen. Shipped in open crates. You will receive them as fresh as when they leave our greenhouse. Shipped by express. Insured.

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